

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable					
	1st Sun of Month	2nd Sun of Month	3rd Sun of Month	4th Sun of Month	5th Sun of Month
St Francis Xavier Masses	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha) (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun Family Mass (live-streamed)	5pm Sat Vigil (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving) 8am Sun 10am Sun (live-streamed)
Ruakaka	10.30 am *LOW	10.30am Mass	10.30 am *LOW	10.30am Mass	10.30 am *LOW
Hikurangi	8:00am Mass	10:00am *LOW	10:00am Mass	10:00am *LOW	10:00am *LOW
Whangarei Heads	5pm Sat Vigil Mass (Standard Time) 6pm Sat Vigil (Daylight Saving)	8:30am *LOW	///	8:30am *LOW	10am. Combined Community Service
Maungatapere	///	///	8.30am *LOW	8.30am Mass	///
Maungakareama	10.30am Mass	///	///	///	///
Matapouri, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* LOW means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Mass	
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Pipiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Weekday Masses and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Mass	Tuesday 9am Mass	Wednesday 12.10pm Mass	Thursday 7am Mass	Friday 12.10pm Mass	Saturday 8am Mass
Exposition: Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. Rosary: Sat following 8am Mass				Reconciliation Rite I: 11.30am Fri & Saturday.	
5.30pm. 2nd Tuesday of the month. Mass - Syro Malabar 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. 6pm. Every Wednesday of the month. Novena - Filipino Community.					

Titipounamu Study & Joy: Bible Stories - What do they mean? with Beate Matthes. Sunday, 3 November 2024, 5-6pm (Zoom).
<https://www.studyjoy.nz/events/bible-studies-what-do-they-mean-7/>

Prayers please for these people and their families... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially: Ben Hutton, Margaret Kernot, Anna Williams, Ken Doran, Merle O'Shea, Lien Thi Pham, Johanna Heffey, Karl Guttenbieil (*nephew of Ella Schaumkel*), Paul Sorensen, Bridie French.

Recently deceased: Margaret Pool (*wife of John*), Clive Thompson (*Kaitia, brother and brother-in-law of Noel and Colleen*), John Pole, Des Monahan (*Westport, brother of Peter*), Anna Haines, (*Auckland, Aunt of Dave Smith*), Merle Marshall (*Auckland, wife of Dcn David Marshall*).

Anniversaries: Nicolette Buisman, Fr Mike McVerry S.M., Patrick McNamara.



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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3 November 2024 Year B

Next Week's Readings: Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time.

1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9: 24-28; Mark 12: 38-44

The Word of God this Sunday not only reminds us of God's love and our call to love him and others, but challenges us to reflect on the depth of our relationships with God and with each other. It compels us to examine the sincerity of our love.

In our 1st reading, Moses tells the people "*Listen, Israel. The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength.*" This is the 'Shema' prayer. The Jewish people recite it daily. This is very special as its the command which rules Israel's life, and should also rule the life of every true Christian. It's the call to love God loyally and faithfully by keeping his commandments. Although the people often fail to be faithful, God remains faithful and never abandons them. God continually reaches out to them, and he does the same with us. His love is constant and unwavering, even when we fail him.

In the Gospel of Mark, when a scribe asks Jesus which commandment is the greatest, Jesus responds by quoting the Shema. By doing so he highlights the importance of loving God above all else. He then adds the second greatest commandment: to love our neighbours as ourselves. Jesus stresses that these two commandments are inseparable, as loving our neighbours is a concrete expression of our love for God. He says to the scribe, "You are not far from the Kingdom of God," showing that this kind of love is essential for the Kingdom.

Jesus' emphasis on love of God and love of neighbour as central to the Kingdom, challenges us. It calls us to examine our own lives and see how we can better live out this commandment. Let us always strive to live out this love in our lives, building up the Kingdom of God through our faithful actions.

Dcn Nimo Ponifasio

✚ **Remembering our loved ones:** During November you may wish to bring a small remembrance card with names of your loved ones who have died. Please place the card in the basket on the Remembrance Table in the Sanctuary. The basket will remain in the Sanctuary throughout November. Blank cards will be available on a table in the foyer from 25 October.

✚ **The Book of Remembrance** is on display till the end of November, for parishioners to enter the names of their loved ones who have died. People named, will be remembered at Mass throughout November.

✚ **Annual Mass for the Bereaved:** Friday 8 November here in our Church at 5.30pm. All welcome. There will be a cup of tea following Mass.



Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament every Friday 11am - 12 noon. Come and spend time with the



No Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help till Wednesday 27 November.



2025 Baptism programme for school aged children (7-12 years of age) The Walk in the Light-Hikoi i te Mārama programme will begin on 23 February 2025. Please see Janet in the Parish Office for details and to register. Alternatively contact Mrs J at St Francis Xavier Catholic School glenys@sfx.school.nz We are looking for keen people who can support Mrs J and Whaea Anna with this programme. If you would like to be part of the team, please contact Mrs J. Thank you! Registrations close on Sunday 26 January 2025.

Very beautiful and good spiritual reading for us, Pope Francis on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, available here for you to read in your own time.
<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/20241024-enciclica-dilexit-nos.html>



We welcome into our parish family Karen Mremba who was baptised in October.



Christian Meditation meet every Wednesday in Eymard House. 5pm to 6pm. All welcome.

Catholic Census! In the month of November the annual head count of all attending Sunday Masses and Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion is tak-



Feast of Christ The King Sunday 24 November.
World map: We have a World map in the foyer for parishioners to place a pin on their country of origin.

Catholic Women's Breakfast directions-- Saturday 9 November 2024, 9.15am – 11.15am.
Reminder that this is a ticket only event. Directions to the venue are: Whangarei Cruising Club, 212 Riverside Drive. After going through the Pohe Island roundabout there is a row of blue boatsheds on the right (before Mackesy Road turn off on opposite side). The club rooms are the last building after boat sheds (harbourside). Parking in front. Look forward to seeing you all there! Karen 027 436 0206

Urgent request for helpers for the Pregnancy Life Shop in Town, getting very desperate to manage the little shop and provide comfort and support to women and families. More to come. Dr Jim Schimanski is a champion for the cause. He is able to answer any of your requests about serving in the community in this area.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless" Mother Teresa.

Pax Christi meet on Tuesday 12 November in Eymard House, 5pm-7pm. All wel-

MAORI COMMUNITY - KO NGA PANUI. Himene practice, (2nd & 4th Thursdays) 7pm in the gathering area of the Church. **Miha Māori:** First Sunday of the month at 10am, followed by morning tea and the Māori Committee meeting at 12 noon.

Parish Playgroup. We would love to see you on Tuesdays in the Parish Hall 9 - 11.30am during school term. You will meet other parents and grandparents. Please bring a gold coin and fruit for shared morning tea. Queries to the Parish Office.



Society of St Vincent de Paul: St Vincent de Paul provides food to individuals and families. We thank parishioners for their generosity. Donations of tinned fruit, jelly and noodles are very welcome.



Christmas Gifts: We are looking for donations of **unwrapped** gifts for our Christmas parcels for teens and younger children. e.g. cars, balls, blocks, books, body wash, playing cards, hair and nail products. Chocolate and tinned biscuits are always welcome. **Donations need to be taken to the Parish Office by Friday 6 December please.** Gifts will then be delivered to families for Christmas. Thank you.

Meetings: 5pm on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. Second Thursday we pray the Rosary and fourth Thursday we have a meeting. All welcome.



Joshua Men's Fellowship next meet on Wednesday 20 November at 7pm here in our Church. All men very welcome.



New to our Parish? Welcome. Please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a **New Parishioner Pack** from the Church foyer, fill it out and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you.

St Francis School News: This week we had the Education Review Office visiting us. Our Religious Education Review went extremely well last week and the initial feedback has been very positive. We look forward to the final report. We continue to pray for those doing the RCIA programme and those preparing for Baptism. We also pray for the new Principal at Pompallier, Hayden Kingdon, that Hayden and his family settle in quickly to Whangarei.
God bless, Bernadette Hall-Principal



Homestay Families Required. Pompallier Catholic College will again be welcoming international students for 2025. Enquiries warmly welcomed now from any families interested in hosting a student/students. Please contact the Homestay Coordinator Lisa by email and include your contact phone number.
lisa.linford@pompallier.school.nz Thank you



Blaze Youth Group (secondary age) meet every Friday during term time 7pm -9pm in the Parish Hall. Come along and meet new friends and join in the fun. All teens welcome. Enquiries to the Parish Office.



SFX Prayer Group meet every Tuesday in Eymard House during School term, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657

Choir Practices: 4.30pm - 6pm
Thursday 7 November
Thursday 14 November